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Anyone traveling by Amtrak's new high-speed Acela trains along the northeast corridor (U.S.) will find their way to ticket counters and platforms without a problem. Our newest feature presents the signage program, by Calori & Vanden-Eynden/Design Consultants, is as elegant - and aerodynamic as the trains themselves.

As you can well imagine, there is much follow-up to Saturday's "Listening to the City" town hall gathering in New York...most of it opinion and commentary: "Don't be surprised if Disney-style urbanism winds up infecting the entire site." - Slate. "So rather than offer a solitary design to absorb the rage, disappointment and hatred of those viewing it, [the planning/design team] offered up six designs to absorb the blows." - New York Post. "...looks to some eyes as if somebody dug up a chunk of downtown Dallas and plopped it on the Washington Mall." - New York Times. "Looks like Albany." - anonymous participant. Paul Goldberger and Nicolai Ouroussoff also have a few things to say...

Meanwhile...Washington, DC's original master planner is lauded, as is the city's new \$799 million convention center (question: why is it so many in mainstream media cover large scale projects like this without ever mentioning the architects?); the Canadian Embassy there takes its licks; and historic preservation and adaptive re-use save a neighborhood. Historic preservation wins over a long-standing Louis Kahn design for a 500-year-old Jerusalem synagogue. Sasaki Associates won Beijing's heart with its master plan for Olympic venues...and much more.

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